

Philadelphia Dec. 3rd 1887

Thos D Mc Coy, Esq, Salt & S Mint

Dear Sir

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In response you ordered from me 50,000 lbs. of bronze blanks but said nothing about any further quantity, and I understand that you had no instructions from the Director upon the subject of such further quantity; though in instructing me concerning my bid of Oct 20th to deliver nickel-copper blanks he directed me to avail myself of the option given to take from time to time if needed a similar 250,000 lbs. of supplementary nickel-copper blanks.

Copper has risen, since my bidding of Oct 25th, about 5 cts. per lb., while, in the absence of any indication from you as to your pleasure concerning the additional 250,000 lbs. I have not felt authorized to purchase copper therefor.

You will perceive that your silence for more than
 six weeks brings me into a difficult position, and
 I now respectfully ask: First what in your judgment
 is my duty in regard to further deliveries, not yet or-
 dered, on account of the option given Oct 25th but not
 by you responded to or noticed in any communication to
 me, and Secondly what is your pleasure in the matter
 you will understand that I am not seeking to evade
 any just liability, but am desirous of knowing where I
 stand in ~~this matter~~

yours truly

Joseph Blanton

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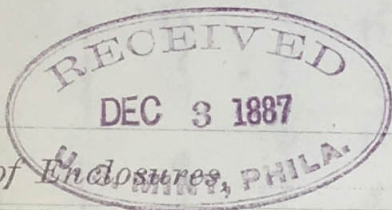
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Dec. 3rd 1887

Joseph Wharton.

~~Superintendent.~~

In reference to contract of
10/25 for Bronze Blanks, and to
any supplementary order thereto,
speaking of the rise in the price
of copper, and desires to know
where he stands as this
contract relates to the Govt.



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NARA RG104, Entry 1, Box 149

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Yours Truly,
Joseph Wharton

Phila. Dec. 3, 1887
To Hon. D.M. Fox Supt. U.S. Mint